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SMUGGLING OF LIQUOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware of smuggling of liquor from abroad;

(b)if so, the number of case booked for smuggling liquor from abroad during each of last three years till date;

(c)whether the Government has analyzed the reasons for smuggling of liquor and the resultant loss of revenue through custom duty;

(d)if so, the details thereof; and

(e)the corrective measures taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the possibility of smuggling of liquor from abroad. However, organized smuggling of Liquor has not been noticed during the last three years. Only stray incidences of individual passenger`s mis-declaration at airports and a few cases of illegal import/diversion of the Liquor have been noticed. The details of these cases are as follows:-

Year	No.of Case Booked	Value	Customs duty involved
		(Rs. in crores)	(Rs. in crores)
2002-2003	82	0.0529	0.1316
2003-2004	72	2.5449	0.0793
2004-2005	123	0.1054	0.0900
2004-2005	19	0.0173	0.0207

(uptoJune 05)

In the year 2003-04,02 cases involving illicit diversion of liquor imported duty free for consumption by Diplomats were booked by DRI, New Delhi. The value of the seizure was Rs.2.50 Crores.

(c) & (d) Considering the small nature of the cases made, detailed analysis of reasons for smuggling of Liquor has not been under taken.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.